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DEPARTMENT FOR AF/E DESK OFFICER JOEL R. WEIGERT
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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA: LEAHY VETTING ASSISTANCE/APPROVAL FOR RECEIPT OF 1206 EQUIPMENT.

¶1. (SBU) Post requests the Department's assistance in screening the following Ethiopian citizens and units who have been identified for receipt of USG-funded equipment, pursuant to the Leahy Act and Foreign Assistance Act. Post has no derogatory information on these units or individuals.

¶2. (SBU) MG Gezae and the logistics department are scheduled to receive equipment under the FY 09 radio program and FY 08 Counter Terrorism program. LTG Bacha and the Combat Engineer Center are scheduled to receive equipment under the FY 08 1206 CBT Engineer program. COL Hagos and the Central Air Group are scheduled to receive equipment through the FY 07 C-130 program.

¶3. (SBU) The name, occupation, date of birth, and place of birth of the proposed candidates/units are as follows:

Name: Gezae Abera Desta
Duty: Major General, Chief of Logistics, Ethiopian National Defense Force
POB: Axum
DOB: 24 Jan 1960

Name: Bacha Debele
Duty: Director of CBT Engineering Center, Ethiopian National Defense Force
POB: Addis Ababa
DOB: 1960

Name: ((Measho)) Hagos Seyoum
Duty: COL, Ethiopian Air Force, Chief of Training
POB: Adwa, Ethiopia
DOB: 15 July 1965

¶4. (U) Post has completed local background checks through ORA, CONS, POL-ECON, and RSO. Post found no credible evidence of gross Human Rights violations committed by the individual or units listed in paragraph 3. Post appreciates Department's assistance.
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